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1. The Central and South China Bureau has received orders that river and coastal defense forces are to be placed under the command of the National Defense Bureau in Canton*. All the original senior personnel are to be retained in their posts.
2. The only exception to the above ruling is the Kwangtung Coastal Defense Force, which is a part of the regular navy. This unit is based at Yulin, Hainan Island**. Observation posts are at the following places: East Paracel Islands (112-00, 16-00); Sants'ao Island (113-00, 22-00), Shangch'uan and Hsiach'uan Islands (112-00, 21-00) in the Chungshan area; and Tonkin Bay and Nanp'eng Island (117-00, 23-00). Units of the Kwangtung Coastal Defense Force are: 5 Russian midget submarines; one ship of less than 2,000 tons; 6 ships of about 500 tons; 15 ships of about 200 tons; and an armed force of about 6,000 men, including a naval landing party now in training.
3. The River Defense Force*** forms part of the Kwangtung 5th National Defense Bureau, and covers the East River, North River, West River, Pearl River, Ch'aochou Swatow, and Leichou Districts. The total number of men in each district unit is between 1500 and 2,000. Each district has 10 to 20 ships or landing craft, some being converted merchantmen. Some of the ships were recently constructed in Shanghai. The patrol area extends to fifteen miles from the coast.
4. The Pearl River Defense Headquarters**** (PRDH) is based on Chichu Island (113-50, 22-05), off Chungshan, with headquarters at Lungshueh Island (龍穴). There are observation posts at the following places: Tankanshan Island (114-00, 22-30), Lasami Island (垃圾尾), Hengohin (113-00, 22-00), Lintin Island (113-50, 22-24), Wanshan (113-00, 21-00), Yaimen (113-06, 22-14), Chanyung (沈涌), Tiehshih (疊石), and Ch'iao (113-38, 22-24). The PRDH has 18 ships of various sizes; 26 motorized, armed junks; and a force of about 2,000 men.

* Comment. The National Defense Bureau, like the Border Defense Bureau, may be a sub-bureau of the Ministry of Public Security office in Canton.

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[REDACTED] the Central and South China Naval Headquarters
was at Yulin. 50X1-HUM
- *** [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] similar responsibilities were
ascribed as of early January 1951 to an organization called the
Kwangtung River Defense Headquarters (KRDH). 50X1-HUM
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the Pearl River Squadron of the KRDH. 50X1-HUM

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